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SUBJECT: KOREA IN THE 30TH UNGA: CONVERSATION WITH MEXICAN FONMIN

1. I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MY TALK WITH RABASA ON ZIONISM AND BELIZE ISSUES TO RAISE KOREA, EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT GOM MIGHT SEE FIT TO VOTE NEGATIVELY ON ALGERIAN RESOLUTION. RABASA WAS DISCOURAGING, POINTING OUT THAT MEXICO HAD ALREADY GIVEN US HELP BY VOTING FOR US ON THE PRIORITY ISSUE AND MERELY ABSTAINING ON THE OTHER TWO RESOLUTIONS. HE SAID POSITION WAS BASED ON PERSONAL CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA TO WHOM HE HAD READ IN DETAIL SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LETTER. HE EMPHASIZED HOW ANTI-NORTH KOREAN HE HIMSELF HAD BEEN EVER SINCE NORTH KOREAN ATTEMPT TO INCITE SUBVERSION IN MEXICO BUT WARNED THAT IN MEXICO'S OPINION, KEEPING TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA WOULD EVENTUALLY LEAD US INTO ANOTHER VIETNAM-LIKE EMBROGLIO.

2. I TOLD RABASA THAT IT WAS PECISELY A VIETNAM-LIKE EMBROGLIO THAT WE WISHED TO AVOID, THAT OUR TROOPS WERE THERE AT THE INVITATION OF SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT AND WOULD LEAVE WHENEVER THEY WERE DISINVITED, BUT IN THE MEANTIME THEIR PRESENCE THERE WAS NECESSARY TO DISCOURAGE NORTH KOREANS. I REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHED TO THIS WHOLE ISSUE AND THE HOPE THAT MEXICO WOULD NOT ONLY NOT SLIDE BACKWARDS ON THEIR VOTING BUT COULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO VOTE WITH US AGAINST THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION.

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3. RABASA SAID HE WOULD LOOK AT THE MATTER ONCE AGAIN
BUT THIS WAS SAID HALF-HEARTEDLY AND WHILE ON THE WAY TO
THE DOOR, AFTER LENGTHY CONVERSATIONS ON THE OTHER
TWO ITEMS. HENCE IT WOULD BE FOOLISH TO BANK TOO HEAVILY
ON THIS RATHER GRUDGING OFFER, TO REVIEW.
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